

CITY OF MILPITAS  
LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Monday, June 16, 2003

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

A. Chairperson Hay called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Marilyn Hay, Diane Davis, Trinidad Aoalin, Sen Fan,  
Carmen Montano, Margie Stephens

Alternates Present: Titus Cascaro

Members Absent: Sonny Wang, Yu-Lan Chou

County Staff Present: Linda Arbaugh, Community Librarian  
Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

City Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator  
Cynthia Maxwell, Principal Administrative Analyst  
Lisa Ciardella, Public Services Clerk

City Council Present: Patricia Dixon, Vice Mayor

**C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES**

Titus Cascaro seated in Sonny Wang's absence.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

Commissioner Hay announced the updated Commissioner photos were posted in the Library's lobby and the Friends of the Milpitas Library's information brochure were finished and ready for distribution. Ms. Hay also reminded the Commission of the Board Effectiveness Training would be held 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Saturday, June 28, 2003, at the Milpitas Library.

**E. CITIZENS FORUM:**

None.

**G. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the Agenda for June 16, 2003, as amended to include under Old Business 1.1 Commitment of Library Advisory Commissioners in the Parade and 1.2 Work Plan Update.

M/S Davis/Aoalin. Unanimous.

**H. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1.1 Commitment of Library Advisory Commissioners**

Commissioner Hay announced the Santa Clara County Library System had authorized the Bookmobile to participate in the Milpitas July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.

Commissioner Hay invited all the Library Advisory Commissioners, Friends of the Milpitas Library, Library staff and family members to walk in the parade with the Bookmobile. Ms. Hay stated she would inform them of details at a later date and asked them to dress patriotically.

## **1.2 Work Plan Update**

Commissioner Hay requested an update on the Commission's Work Plan. Commissioner Aolin stated the subcommittee (Commissioners Aolin, Montano and Chou) had met once and were meeting again soon. Commissioner Hay requested a draft of the Work Plan for the July 21, 2003, meeting.

# **I. NEW BUSINESS**

## **1.1 Library and Senior Center Proposal**

Cindy Maxwell, Principal Administrative Analyst, gave a brief review of the previous month's Library Advisory Commission meeting concerning the site location for the new library. She then introduced Greg Armendariz and Mark Rogge from the City's Planning Department to present a new library site proposal.

Mr. Armendariz and Mr. Rogge reminded the Commission that the new library building will be three times the current building and the site layouts presented last month were very tight with two-story constraints and parking problems. Mr. Armendariz and Mr. Rogge proposed switching the sites of the current Senior Center (160 N. Main Street) and Library (40 N. Milpitas Blvd.). Through their connection in working on both building projects, they discovered that the new Senior Center's projected size was just under the current library's size, and the current Senior Center's building site could accommodate a 60,000 sq. ft. facility and parking garage. The current library building would require some renovations for use, including a kitchen and dining area, but the parking would be enough and a single story building is better for senior participants.

The current Senior Center building could be kept as the main centerpiece with wings added to both sides, and not lose its historical registry. The parking demands would not be as great at the 160 N. Main St. site so the parking garage would not need to be as large. The new library would also fit into the City's Midtown Plan, and no temporary library facility would be required.

Staff stated the additional strengths for switching of sites included:

- The City can maintain control of the schedule (no longer requiring use of Shapell property for parking garage)
  - The library would attract residents to the Midtown area
  - Library use could continue as normal until then new library was built
  - The City could save millions of dollars in construction costs
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- Mr. Rogge stated the significant history of the current Senior Center as 1916-1956 served as a grammar school

- 1956-1969 served as City Hall
- 1969-present also housed the library, Chamber of Commerce, Police Department and Recreation Services programs
- Listed on National Registry of Historical Places

Staff then presented aerials views of the 160 N. Main St. location and proposed “wings” and parking garage views. Staff discussed how the additions’ design styles could still respect the historical element of the building and not compete with it. Vice Mayor Dixon added that there would be some restrictions due to the historical value of the building. Mr. Rogge added that the new building would need to respect the general nature of the building by keeping the same lines, but still look like a new building. Mr. Armendariz added that the parking garage would include security devices, such as gates and phones, and still provide safe parking for other events. Staff also showed artistic renderings of how Main St. would look like once the Midtown Plan was in effect.

Staff also mentioned they had talked to a few consultants and received many positive comments that it is possible to incorporate the new building with the historical building.

Commissioner Davis stated that it makes sense to have the library in a downtown area that people could walk around.

Vice Mayor Dixon added that the City Council would be discussing the Apton Plaza area just north of the new site. Mr. Rogge added that very decorative streetscape is proposed for Main St.

An audience member, Ed Connor, 1515-77 N. Milpitas Blvd., stated that the City should seek finding assistance for wireless use through Yahoo and Google.

Commissioner Stephens stated a concern for bus access when VTA changes its routes.

Mr. Armendariz responded that once the Lightrail is completed, the main hub in Milpitas would be relocated to the Great Mall. At this time VTA is uncommitted with service routes. It is possible that more businesses and library could create a demand for VTA support on Main Street.

Commissioner Wang asked about the railroad use behind the building in regards to noise and vibration problems. Mr. Rogge responded those two problems would be factored into the renovations, in addition to the parking garage acting as a buffer between the building and the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Wang asked if the property on the other side of Main St. (DeVries House) would be included in the new library property. Staff responded that it would only include the current Senior Center site and the adjacent Maintenance Yard site.

Commissioner Fan asked what the property across the street would be used for. Staff responded it has been designated for senior housing.

Commissioner Cascaro stated the projected savings looked impressive, but what was the breakdown. Mr. Armendariz responded there was not a breakdown yet for the projects. Cost savings would be from not having to do demolition on the existing buildings, building a smaller parking garage and not having a temporary library.

Commissioner Davis stated that building the library on Main St. would set the tone for future Midtown area projects.

Commissioner Montano asked about traffic behind the site. Mr. Rogge responded the proposal is for Winsor St. to become a court with access into the parking garage. Through traffic could go through the parking garage when it is open.

Staff stated the Library Building Subcommittee is requesting input from the commissions in addition to the public meeting scheduled for the following week.

Commissioner Stephens asked where the money saved on the project goes. Staff responded that it goes towards future projects and allows the City to do the best for the community.

Commissioner Hay stated she believed the proposal was a good alternative.

Commissioner Fan agreed and added the new site was a better choice than the current site. He also added the possibility of adding a performing center.

MOTION for the Library Advisory Commission to recommend the proposed change of sites for the Library and Senior Center. M/S Davis/Hay.  
Unanimous.

## **J. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Friends of the Milpitas Library**

Commissioner Davis reported that County Librarian Melinda Cervantes spoke at the Friends of the Milpitas Library's (FOML) General Meeting on June 12, 2003, about the Special Library Tax Measure and why it is needed. Ms. Davis also stated the FOML now has four dedicated sorters at the Library for FOML donations.

Commissioner Wang asked that since the Library Advisory Commission gives input to the FOML in some areas, has the FOML discussed expanding its number of Board Members. Commissioner Hay responded that everyone is invited to participate in the FOML.

Vice Mayor Dixon added that FOML would be in need of assistance soon, especially funding, with the Ballot Measure. Ms. Hay stated it would be included in the next FOML's meeting agenda.

**2. County Librarian Report**

Ms. Cervantes, County Librarian, reported the Library Grand Opening in Saratoga would be held on Saturday, June 21, 2003.

**3. Community Librarian Report**

Linda Arbaugh, Milpitas Community Librarian, reported the formula for Milpitas' funding (circulation, population and property value) would increase from 16.94% to 17.27% because of an increase in circulation. She added that there would be no new staffing positions, but there would be some staff members who would receive additional hours.

Ms. Arbaugh announced the Milpitas Library would soon begin using its new database (Horizon). As part of the database transition, patrons would not be able to check in or out library materials three days prior to the change over. Her additional announcements included the summer reading program began in June for youth and teens, and the Library's closure on Friday, July 4, 2003.

**4. City Council Report**

Vice Mayor Dixon reported the City of Milpitas purchased the surrounding property of the Elmwood County Jail and the Sal Cracolice Building property from Santa Clara County. The City has several revenue generating prospects for the property. The County kept some property along Interstate 880.

**5. City Staff Report**

Lynette Wilson, Recreation Services Coordinator, reported the City's July 4<sup>th</sup> events would include a parade on Main St. (11:00 am) and at the Sports Center a Pool Party (1:00-5:00 pm) and Fireworks Display (9:30 pm). She added the Downtown Association would be holding its July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival (1:00-5:00 pm) on Serra Way between Abel St. and Main St.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

Work Plan Draft

**K ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. M/S Davis/Stephens. Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynette Wilson